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FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 18, 1916.
"America First and America Efficient"

THROW AWAY THEIR CASE.

THE campaign in this state is coming on apace. The pressmen in the pay of the Democratic party have at last reached the point where they are willing to indicate that they know the Republican party has a candidate for governor, and that he is none other than Judge Robinson. After all these days of lambasting men and measures that have no possible connection with the issues upon which the voters will pass in November that is something. However their first mention of Judge Robinson is strikingly in keeping with the campaign of slander and vilification which they began with the adoption of the Parkersburg platform. They abuse Judge Robinson for doing his duty. And in their blind effort to harm a shining mark on the Republican side they demolish their whole case against the Republican state ticket very much as the Kaiser's busy Bertha destroyed the defenses of Liege. The foundation of the Democratic campaign this year is an assertion that Governor Hatfield is more powerful than the whole Republican party; that, to borrow an expression they have been using quite freely, the G O P has been swallowed by the G O H—government of Hatfield. In order to make that utterly ridiculous contention apply in the present campaign they go a step farther and assert that Hatfield will dominate completely the next administration, should it happen to be Republican—as it most assuredly will be.

But after doing all that, and perhaps scaring a timid voter here and there with their terrible Hatfield bugaboo, they light out Judge Robinson with both feet. It is not exactly clear what is responsible for this show of temper on their part, but it appears to be the fact that Judge Robinson was so much his own man when he was on the bench of the Supreme Court of Appeals that he followed the law as he saw it in the Kanawha strike case, even though there was ample reason to suspect that Governor Hatfield, the members of the Hatfield administration, and the other judges of the court held other views. At all events they admit that the Governor and the Judge differed in this matter as much as the Judge differed from his associates. Is it not reasonable to assume, therefore, that if Governor Hatfield in the plenitude of his power as governor could not influence Judge Robinson to swerve from the path of duty as his intellect and his conscience indicated that path to him, there is small prospect that private citizen Hatfield would be able to control or even "influence" Governor Robinson? In their anxiety to "hit a head" which they thought was exposed the Democratic press agents have disclosed to the view of all men who want to see the utter worthlessness and hypocrisy of the Democratic position.

BEAUTY IN COAL TOWNS.

IT COST the Consolidation Coal Company \$220 to reward 29 prize winners in the community improvement contest. Nothing is said in the announcement of the successful contestants of how many there were entered, but it is safe to say that it has been a long time, a full year at least, since the big corporations spent money to a better purpose or got better returns for the outlay. Time was when a mining town was expected to be a rough place, unsanitary and depressing. To have suggested that it ought to be anything else would have provoked a smile on the lips of the miners and perhaps a sneer on the face of the operators. It is probably unnecessary to say that such communities were poor places in which to rear families. The greatest wonder about them is that so many fine men and women managed to survive their blighting influence to become useful citizens.

Fortunately both the mine owners and the miners take a more enlightened view of mining town conditions now. There are some coal towns in the country in which condi-

tions would compare favorably with the model factory towns of New England and the middle west. But in the old districts like those in Pennsylvania and the earlier developments in this state progress along aesthetic lines is somewhat slow and requires considerable leadership. The Consolidation Coal Company shows that it has a proper appreciation of this fact in many ways and the officials deserve the thanks of the people of the state for the work they are doing along that line.

THE WILL TO WIN.

THERE is no flaw in the logic of the statement made to The West Virginian's Washington correspondent by Representative-at-Large Sutherland that the Republican party will win in this state because the rank and file of the party want to win. There are enough of them to insure victory at any time when they are of one mind and purpose as they are now. However, the solid Republican vote is not the limit of the strength that Hughes and Robinson are going to display on election day. There are already signs that they will have a substantial backing from men who usually vote the Democratic ticket, and this movement in their direction will grow in volume as the date of election approaches.

ULTIMATE AUTHORITIES.

WASHINGTON dispatches bring the news that if any of the railroad presidents whom Mr. Wilson has invited to the White house cannot speak absolutely for their roads the President will extend his invitation to the financiers who do control them, for he wants to deal with "the ultimate authority" on both sides. Such a statement coming from the White house raises the question, what is the ultimate authority when it comes to the management of the railroads of this country? The other day when the details of the settlement of the estate of the late J. Pierpont Morgan were published the public became acquainted with the fact, long known in financial circles but not very generally suspected in the world at large, that Morgan held very little of the stocks or other securities of the New Haven road. He was not even a considerable figure among the minority stockholders. Yet every one knows what a power he was in the management of the New Haven road.

In the case of the Pennsylvania railroad there is only one block of stock of considerable size. Many of the most powerful general officers in the past history of that system held only enough of the stock to qualify as vice presidents. The stock book contains more than 100,000 names, and in a contest for control of the property the bond holders would not stand a ghost of a show.

One of these roads is the best managed railroad property in this country. The other one was, until recently, the worst managed large railroad. In both cases, however, the "ultimate authority" is the board of directors and not the financiers who carry on the banking business of the companies. At all events that is the theory of the corporation laws of the country and of the Interstate Commerce commission in all dealings with the railroads. These simple facts ought to be known at the White house even in an hour of stress.

In view of the "interests" to which the Democratic party is linked up in this campaign it is a wonder that the Democratic papers have the temerity to criticize judges even indirectly for an opinion that must have been pleasing to the "interests."

Our best compliments to Colonel George R. Latham, of Buckhannon, who at the ripe age of 84 is going on the stump in the interest of Hughes, Robinson and the whole Republican ticket. That is the spirit that made the Republican party the greatest political organization in the greatest republic, and it ought to prove an inspiration to the young men of the state in a year when the Republican ticket in character and ability so strongly suggests the early days of the party.

Horse creek is again out of its banks. After the exciting days of last week it will take some time for the equine to settle down apparently.

Pennsylvania quarantine officers are turning back at Point Marion people who come from this state. That is what the Point Marion barkeepers do, too, but they first fill 'em up—the people, we mean.

From over the seas comes a report that two new German submarines have been built for cargo carrying between the Fatherland and American ports. Inasmuch as neither the Deutschland or the Bremen have made a round trip, this is showing as much faith in a theory of navigation as Columbus showed.

So far this week the weather man has predicted rain that did not come. Does this mean that the elements are accumulating a surplus of moisture for use during fair week.

SHORT AND SNAPPY.

Alas, poor J. "Ham" Lewis. Right after his "treason" speech the party managers tell the President he had better get busy and start his campaign.—Huntington Herald-Dispatch.

The newspaper goat is said to have been captured by the print paper manufacturers. If so, they had better not toy with his whiskers.—Connellsville Courier.

On the western front they call those gaping excavations "shell holes." The first "s" is entirely superfluous.—Bluefield Telegraph.

Some of the dyestuff brought over by the Deutschland is said to be held for a price as high as \$70 per pound, though this may be a highly colored report.—Bluefield Telegraph.

Kissing and swearing are to be prohibited in Boston business offices, but it is hard to understand how they are going to stop the kissing without increasing the swearing.—Clarkeburg Exponent.

The Democrats of New York nominated a Supreme Court judge for Governor. What an awful thing it is to "invade the courts."—Wheeling Intelligencer.

One of the favorite American sports during the next few months will be nailing campaign lies.—Wheeling Register.

The purchasing power of the American dollar today is said to be only 62 per cent of what it was from 1900 to 1906. Still, it's more than the purchasing power of supposedly equal quantities of British shillings, French francs and German marks. And what's more, we have the dollars.—Morgantown Post-Chronicle.

Senator Overman says work in factories keeps children out of mischief. That remark ought to be sufficient to keep Mr. Overman out of politics.—Charleston Mail.

The women are after the scalp of President Wilson. If they are as relentless after him as after the privilege of voting he may as well give up the ghost now.—Wellsburg Herald.

Mush has been retaken by the Turks. That should prove nourishing if the milk supply is good.—Wheeling News.

We have utterly failed to feel richer since the metal in a nickel has come to be worth six cents.—Uniontown Evening Genius.

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

(BY CONDO.)



Editorial Comment on Current Subjects

THE ISSUE.

From the Huntington Herald-Dispatch. There is going to be a remarkable state of politics in West Virginia during the campaign that is now opening.

The Democrats are preparing to dodge all pertinent and legitimate issues in both state and nation. They dare not face the actual issues in the nation, and because they dare not they are appealing to a personality which they feign would defy and set worshipping apart.

They dare not meet the pertinent, the overwhelming issues in West Virginia. Here, too, they seek to make an individual the issue, but the appeal is made not made with the obsequious laudation which attends the national idolatry. It is of a far different nature. The Democratic leaders, hedged in at every point by arguments which they dare not undertake to discuss, much less to answer, are prepared to make the campaign in West Virginia upon a personal issue. They propose to cover up the scandalous history of their own party in the state as written in still recent years, and to hide their inability to criticize intelligently or honestly the policies of the Republican party by making a concerted assault upon Governor Hatfield. They hope to win in the nation by an insane appeal to the heroic qualities of the world's most renowned backslider and mental acrobat. They hope to win in the state, if at all, by an attempt to distort and magnify the political faults of Governor Hatfield, such as they may be.

But in neither case will they succeed. The national record of the Democracy stands out in unquenchable defiance of this plan. Whether the Democrats like it or not, whether they are prepared to meet it or not, they will be forced to answer to the long list of grievances a misrepresented people hold against them.

In West Virginia, whether they like it or not, the Democrats will be forced to admit the great constructive work done by the Republican party; the magnificent development of the state's natural wealth, the upbuilding of its institutions, and its redemption from a condition of ante-bellum antiquity as found when the first Republican administration came into power.

The issue in West Virginia will not be any man's personality. Governor Hatfield will be subject to criticism insofar as his administration has been unworthy, and no farther. And let it be said that the Democratic editors will not spend much time discussing his administration. They dare not, because it has been clean, progressive and efficient, with no more faults than attend the average well meaning administration of any capable man in any party. The Republicans of West Virginia are not mental weaklings to be imposed upon after this fashion. They know what their party has done. They know what it proposes to do and will do if continued in power. They know the intentions of the Democrats. They remember the heaven-high stretch which went up from Charleston five years ago when for the first time in years the Democrats secured a majority of the legislature on joint ballot. They are aware of the fact that the same partnership which perpetrated that outrage is again in absolute control of the party in West Virginia.

The issue is neither Woodrow Wilson, the demigod, nor Henry D. Hatfield, the proclaimed political tyrant. It is efficiency in national administration, public safety and the national honor. It is efficiency and progress in state affairs, a record which challenges comparison and defies criticism. Office-hungry Democracy is in desperate straits.

Unusual

"My room-mate got me a girl for the holidays."
"Huh? You ever seen her?"
"None."
"How was she?"
"That's the funny part."
"Huh?"
"She was a bear."—Gargoyles.

Unusual

"What's the answer?"
"He—And what do you want for your birthday?"
"She—Really, I don't want anything. But I know you will buy me something terribly nice and expensive and new, you're such a dear, reckless boy."—Tiger.

Unusual

"The girl who washes our dishes tells me she is going to work in a munition factory."
"Think she will do well at it?"
"Oh, yes. Her duty is to break iron rings to fill shells for shrapnel."—Life.

Unusual

"Ma husband's very polly, ma'am. He's got dat exclamatory rheumatism."
"You mean inflammatory, Martha. Exclamatory is from exclaim, which means to cry out."
"Yes, ma'am, dat's what it is. He hollers if anyone goes near him."—Boston Transcript.

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NEW YORK LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

NEW YORK, probably the greatest and richest city in the world which is at the mercy of a hostile fleet, is rejoiced over the victory of the preparedness program in the House, which has adopted, apparently without serious modification, the Senate program which provides for the construction of 81 new vessels, of all kind, the first year, and of 157 within three years. Representative Mann, the Republican leader, praised the action of the House enthusiastically, pointing out that the bill as passed, was precisely what the Republicans had urged when the House first considered it. "I want to keep out of war," said Mr. Mann, "but we should be prepared to protect our rights at home and abroad." The "little navy" men howled dismally, charging Secretary Daniels with having "betrayed" them. Rep. Gardner pointed out that the complaint of the "little navy" men was justified because Mr. Daniels had declared as recently as December 24, last, that the "little navy" program originally adopted by the House would strain the shipyards of the country, while little more than a year ago President Wilson had denounced preparedness as hysteria. Then it was disclosed that the General Board had found that from nine to eleven ships—instead of five—was the capacity of the big shipyards. "Mr. Daniels has been fighting tooth and nail against the navy," said Mr. Gardner, "until he was swept from his feet by public sentiment."

To Go or Not to Go. Hardly had the ink dried on the administration's announcement that an additional 25,000 militiamen would be sent to the Mexican border, going forward regardless of whether the organization had been recruited up to the heretofore minimum strength or were properly equipped, when a new announcement was made from Washington that the previous order had been countermanded. General Funston is made to assume responsibility for this change of mind, but those familiar with the extent to which General Funston's prior recommendations have been disregarded look for some other reason than that furnished the public. It is surmised that the suspicion of the railway employees had a considerable part in the administration's change of mind, and that for the rest it is merely another instance of its customary changeableness.

To Stump or Not to Stump. A few weeks ago it was formally announced at the White House that President Wilson would take the stump. Instead, as soon as he had Congress off his hands, he would retire to Long Branch and content himself with writing a few notes. No sooner had Governor Hughes taken the stump and begun to throw 42-centimeter shells over the administration's breastwork, than it was formally announced by Secretary Tumulty, for the President, that President Wilson would take the stump and go over "much the same ground" as Mr. Hughes. Now, three days later, and after a conference with National Chairman McCormick, President Wilson "definitely" announces that he will NOT take the stump, but (there is always a but) he will accept invitations to visit various parts of the country and make addresses on political subjects. Mr. McCormick announced that Mr. Wilson "considered a stumping tour incompatible with the dignity of the office of president." He will, therefore, merely "visit various parts of the country to make addresses."

Hughes' Plain Talk. It is the general comment on Gov. Hughes' speeches that, whatever else may be said of them, they do not mince words. The Republican candidate speaks straight from the shoulder. For instance, his declaration that the Democratic plank promising protection to Americans in every part of the world is good doctrine and that he believes in making it real, and "I do not think that in making it real we should encounter the danger of war. I would not shrink if we did," while it appeals to some, rather startles some of the old timers. On the other hand, his coupling his declaration that he would be neither "too proud" nor afraid to fight, with his forceful advocacy of "world court for the settlement of international disputes," is an occasion of gratification to the host of Americans who, while in no sense cowards, are firmly convinced that war is an evil against which every possible precaution should be taken. Another straight from the shoulder statement which Mr. Hughes made at Tacoma was, "I would not shrink war if it came in the performance of our obvious duty in the protection of American rights. In the protection of American rights, under international law, we do not endanger our peace. We conserve it."

Unity in Maine. Republican and Democratic leaders recognize alike that it is to be war to the hilt in Maine, where two seats in the Senate, the governorship and four seats in the House are at stake, and which state usually has such a powerful moral influence on the subsequent election. Any lingering hope the Democrats have entertained of finding a divided opposition in Maine has gone glimmering. The Republicans have cornered most of the influential Progressive speakers and are to send them into the state. Among these, besides

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Col. Roosevelt, are Hon. Arthur L. Gardner, of Ohio, formerly Progressive candidate for Senator in the Buckeye state; Hon. Raymond Robins, of Chicago, once a powerful Progressive leader in Illinois and later the chief but vain hope of the Democratic administration in Illinois; Hon. Henry J. Allen, of Kansas; Hon. Edward C. Towner, of Indiana, and also Hon. Oswald Ryan, of the same state.

Jokesmiths Still Joking.

The stage humorists are finding the national campaign almost as good material for their purposes as they used to find the Ford automobile. A rapid-fire talking team at one of the local theatres gets off this one: "Have you heard the latest Ford joke?" "She—'Yes, Henry. Have you heard the latest presidential joke?' He—'No, what is it?' She—'Woodrow.'"

Right in Line.

"I heard you got badly bitten in that transaction."
"Yes, I think it must have been by a land shark."—Baltimore American.

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